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18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
19 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

20 Meritdiam, Inc., a California
21 corporation,

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 Facets Fine Jewelry, LLC, a Minnesota
25 limited liability company d/b/a JB
26 Hudson Jewelers; and Does 1 through
27 20, inclusive

28 Defendant.

CV14-0422 MWF/CW
Case No.

JB HUDSON JEWELERS'
NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF
CIVIL ACTION FROM STATE
COURT

1 TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant Facets Fine Jewelry, LLC, d/b/a
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4 JB Hudson Jewelers (“JB Hudson”), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1446,
5 hereby gives notice of the removal of this action to the United States District Court
6 for the Central District of California, Western Division, Los Angeles. As grounds
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8 for this removal, JB Hudson states as follows:

9 **I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

10 1. On December 2, 2013, Meritdiam, Inc. (“Meritdiam”) filed this action
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12 in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles,
13 Central District (Case No. BC529211).

14 2. The Los Angeles Superior Court is a state court within this district.

15 3. A copy of all items served upon JB Hudson, as required by 28 U.S.C.
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17 § 1446(a), is attached hereto as Exhibit A (namely, the Summons and Complaint).

18 4. This Notice of Removal is timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b),
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20 which provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

21 The notice of removal of a civil action or proceeding
22 shall be filed within thirty days after the receipt by the
23 defendant, through service or otherwise, of a copy of the
24 initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon
which such action or proceeding is based

25 5. Meritdiam’s Summons and Complaint was served on JB Hudson on
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27 December 18, 2013. Accordingly, this notice of removal is timely pursuant to 28
28 U.S.C. 1446(b) because it is filed within thirty days of the service. *See Murphy*

1 *Bros. Inc. v. Michetti Pipe Stringing, Inc.*, 526 U.S. 344, 347-48 (1999) (“[W]e hold
2 that a named defendant’s time to remove is triggered by simultaneous service of the
3 summons and complaint, or receipt of the complaint, ‘through service or
4 otherwise,’ after and apart from service of the summons, but not by mere receipt of
5 the complaint unattended by any formal service.”).

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8 6. JB Hudson has not previously filed a responsive pleading in this
9 action, but is contemporaneously filing its answer in this Court.

10 7. This case is properly removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a),
11 which provides as follows:
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13 (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided by Act of
14 Congress, any civil action brought in a State court of
15 which the district courts of the United States have original
16 jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the
17 defendants, to the district court of the United States for
18 the district and division embracing the place where such
19 action is pending.

20 8. As set forth in more detail below, this action is properly removable
21 based on diversity jurisdiction.

22 **II. DIVERSITY JURISDICTION**

23 9. This action is properly removable under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), which
24 provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

25 (a) The district courts shall have original jurisdiction
26 of all civil actions where the matter in controversy
27 exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of
28 interest and costs, and is between -

(1) citizens of different States

Here, diversity jurisdiction is proper because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, and complete diversity exists between Meritdiam and JB Hudson.

A. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

10. In the Complaint, Meritdiam seeks judgment in the principal sum of \$104,013.00, plus interest at the rate of ten percent per annum from August 2013 until paid in full or the date of entry of judgment, as well as costs of suit and attorney's fees. Thus, the amount in controversy is met here because the Complaint demonstrates that the value of Plaintiffs' claims exceed the jurisdictional amount, \$75,000.

B. Complete diversity exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants.

11. Meritdiam, as acknowledged in the case caption of the Complaint, is a California corporation and is a citizen of the State of California.

12. JB Hudson is a Delaware limited liability company with a principal place of business in Minnesota. Therefore, for diversity purposes, JB Hudson is a citizen of Delaware and Minnesota. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).

13. Federal courts have interpreted removal under 28 U.S.C § 1446 to generally require the consent of all defendants. *See, e.g., Hafiz v. Greenpoint Mortg. Funding, Inc.*, 652 F. Supp. 2d 1050, 1052 (N.D. Cal. 2009). However, an exception to the unanimity rule is recognized where removal consent is not

1 obtained from “nominal, unknown or fraudulently joined parties.” *United Computer*
 2 *Sys., Inc. v. AT & T Corp.*, 298 F.3d 756, 762 (9th Cir. 2002).

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 4 14. Here, the only defendants other than JB Hudson are “Doe” defendants
 5 who have not been served with process and whose identities are unknown.
 6 Moreover, the “Does” are nominal defendants because none are parties to the
 7 contract for sale of goods between Meritdiam and JB Hudson upon which
 8 Meritdiam’s Complaint is based. *See* Complaint Ex. A. Therefore, consent of
 9 unidentified Doe defendants is not required for removal. As such, complete
 10 diversity exists between Meritdiam and JB Hudson who are citizens of different
 11 states and this case is properly removable.
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 15 **III. ALL OTHER PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL**
 16 **ARE SATISFIED**

17 15. This case is a civil action within the meaning of the Acts of Congress
 18 relating to the removal of causes.

19 16. This action has not previously been removed.

20 17. Nothing in this Notice of Removal shall be interpreted as a waiver or
 21 relinquishment of JB Hudson’s rights to assert any defense or affirmative matter,
 22 whether pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b), or otherwise,
 23 including, but not limited to, the defense for failure to state a claim upon which
 24 relief can be granted.
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1 25. JB Hudson herein reserves the right to supplement this Notice of
2 Removal by adding any jurisdictional defenses which may independently support a
3 basis for removal.
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5 26. A copy of this Notice of Removal is being filed with the Court
6 Administrator of the Los Angeles Superior Court, as provided under 28 U.S.C. §
7 1446(d). JB Hudson is also giving prompt written notice to Meritdiam of the filing
8 of this Notice of Removal.
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10 **WHEREFORE**, JB Hudson respectfully request that this Court take
11 jurisdiction of this action and issue all necessary orders and process to remove this
12 action from the Los Angeles Superior Court to the United States District Court for
13 the Central District of California, Western Division, Los Angeles.
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15 Dated: January 17, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

16 Benjamin E. Gurstelle (*pro hac vice*
17 *pending*)
18 BRIGGS AND MORGAN, P.A.
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20 Matthew K. Wegner
21 BROWN, WEGNER & BERLINER
22 LLP

23 By: 
24 Matthew K. Wegner

25 Attorneys for Defendant
26 Facets Fine Jewelry, LLC dba JB
27 Hudson Jewelers
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EXHIBIT A

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

FOR COURT USE ONLY
(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

DEC 02 2013

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By: Shaunya Bolden, Deputy

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

FACETS FINE JEWELRY, LLC., a Minnesota Limited Liability Company dba JB HUDSON JEWELERS; and DOES 1-20, inclusive

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

MERITDIAM, INC., a California corporation

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Los Angeles Superior Court - Central District
111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso)

BC 529211

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Sung T. Kim, Esq. (SBN 277052), 3435 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 2700, Los Angeles, CA 90010 (213) 221-4535

DATE:
(Fecha)

Clerk, by
(Secretario)

, Deputy
(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

[SEAL]

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. ☒ on behalf of (specify): **FACETS Fine Jewelry, LLC, a Minnesota Limited Liability Company**
under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
☐ other (specify):

4. ☒ by personal delivery on (date):

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8 Attorney for Plaintiff,
9 MERITDIAM, INC., a California corporation

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By: Shaunya Bolden, Deputy

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

BC 529211

11 MERITDIAM, INC., a California)
12 corporation,)
13 Plaintiff,)
14 vs.)
15 FACETS FINE JEWELRY, LLC., a)
16 Minnesota Limited Liability Company dba)
17 JB HUDSON JEWELERS; and DOES 1)
18 through 20, inclusive,)
19 Defendants.)

CASE NO.:

COMPLAINT FOR:

1. BREACH OF CONTRACT
2. COMMON COUNT

21 COMES NOW Plaintiff, MERITDIAM, INC., alleges as follows:

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GENERAL ALLEGATION

1. Plaintiff, MERITDIAM, INC. (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), is and at all relevant times herein mentioned has been a corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business located at 550 South Hill Street, Suite 1455, Los Angeles, California 90013.

2. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant, FACETS FINE JEWELRY, LLC. dba JB HUDSON JEWELERS (hereinafter "Defendant"), is, and at all relevant times herein mentioned has been, a limited liability company duly organized

1 and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota and has maintained its principal place of its
2 business in the State of Minnesota.

3 3. Plaintiff is informed and believe and, based thereon, allege that Defendant DOES
4 1 through 20, inclusive, are, and at all times herein-mentioned have been, the officers, the
5 directors and/or the shareholders of Defendant.

6 4. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or
7 otherwise of Defendants DOES 1 through 20, and each of them, are unknown to Plaintiff, who
8 therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will ask leave of Court to
9 amend this Complaint when the true names and capacities have been ascertained. Plaintiff is
10 informed and believe and, based thereon, allege that each such fictitiously named Defendant is
11 responsible in some manner, and therefore, liable to Plaintiff for the acts herein alleged.

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13 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**
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15 5. Jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in this Court as the causes of action alleged
16 herein arose from a contract explicitly stating that the laws of the State of California shall govern
17 and that the parties to the contract consent to jurisdiction and venue exclusively in the State of
18 California.

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20 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **(Breach of Contract)**
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23 6. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by this reference paragraphs 1 through 5,
24 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

25 7. On or about August 16, 2013, Plaintiff entered into a contract with Defendant
26 wherein Plaintiff agreed to sell and deliver a diamond to Defendant and Defendant agreed to buy
27 and pay for the diamond delivered from Plaintiff. Attached as Exhibit "A," and incorporated by
28 reference, is a true and correct copy of the contract executed by Plaintiff and Defendant.

1 DATED: November 27, 2013

Law Offices of Sung T. Kim & Associates

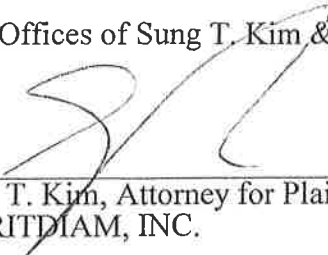
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MERITDIAM, INC.
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Exhibit A

MERITDIAM / MERITDIAM INC

550, S. Hill St # 1455
 Los Angeles, CA 90013
 Tel: (213) 687-7221 Fax: (213) 687-7009

Application for Credit (from above)

Date : 8-16-13

For the purpose of obtaining merchandise from you on credit, we submit the following information and authorize you to contact the references given.

Firm Name : JB Hudson Jewellers DBA Facet Fine Jewelry LLC
 Tel : 612-338-5950 Fax : _____
 Address : _____

Proprietorship : _____ Partnership : _____ Corporation : _____ Others : _____

Year Established : 1965 At Present Location Since : 2008

Tax ID : 41-1776941

Name of Bank : Wells Fargo

Bank Officer : Tyng Hieb

Address of Bank : 90 S. 7th St. 11th Floor Minneapolis MN 55479

Credit References :

Name : Sai Asla - Meshi Tel : 212-421-8032 Fax : _____

Address : 589 5th Ave. Suite 807

Name : Waldman Pict Co Tel : 212-921-8288 Fax : _____

Address : NY NY

Name : Hasekeld-Siein - Shie BPTM Tel : 800-223-3305 Fax : _____

Address : NY NY

It is understood and agreed that payment received beyond terms stated on our invoice will be subject to late penalty charges. As a further inducement to extend credit I/We agree that in the event suit is brought on any obligation hereafter owed by me/us to you that I/We pay 1) Reasonable attorney's fees and necessary collection costs incurred by you in collection costs incurred by you in collecting the said obligation 2) Collection agency costs or collections costs even if suit is not instituted, the applicant agrees that the laws of the state of California shall be applicable to all suits and/or claims arising under any dispute between the undersigned and Meritdiam / Meritdiam Inc, in event of litigation, venue shall be in the courts located in the city of Los Angeles.

I hereby personally guarantee the obligation of the above applicant. I further agree that the personal guarantee will not be affected by any bankruptcy or in solvency proceeding.

Authorized by : Patrick Nelson

Signed : Patrick Nelson

Title : Diamond Buyer

Owner's Home Address : Edina, MN

Address: 901 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis MN 55402

Exhibit B

MERITDIAM INC

550, South Hill Street Suite 1455
 Los-Angeles, California 90013
 Tel : (213)687-7221
 Fax : (213)687-7009
 E-Mail : meritdiam@gmail.com

INVOICE

Invoice # :

INVOICE TO
 Facets Fine Jewelry LLC (dba :JB Hudson Jewelers)
 901 Nicollet Mall
 Minneapolis MN 55402
 Patrick Nelson
 Tel : (612)338-5950
 Fax :

SHIP TO
 Same

Attn :
 Tel :
 Fax :

Invoice #	Issuse Date	Sales Person	Ship Via	Terms
	22-Aug-13			Cash (Bill after memo)

ITEM #	QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE per CT	TOTAL PRICE
RBC	2.93 CT	E-VVS2 with G.I.A cert (Polished loose diamond)		\$104,013.00

Message :

Customer Signature : _____

Sub Total :
 Discount :
 Shipping :
 Sales Tax :
Invoice Total : \$104,013.00

The diamonds herein invoiced have been purchased from legitimates sources not involved in fungen conflict in compliance with U.N Resolutions. The seller hereby guarantees that these diamonds are conflict free, based on personal knowledge and/or written guarantees provided by the supplier of these diamonds*

Bank Account Informations :

Beneficiary: Waldenia Correa Prado Goncalves

Bank Name : JP Morgan Chase Bank (A.B.A # : 267084131, Swift Code: CHASUS33)

Address : 790 E Broward Blvd Fort Lauderdale Miami, Florida 33301

Account No: 107369720

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):

Jason J. Kim, Esq. (SBN 190246)
Law Offices of Kim, Au & Associates, APC
3435 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2080
Los Angeles, CA 90010

TELEPHONE NO.: (213) 252-8008

FAX NO.:

ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff, MERITDIAM, INC.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles

STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street

MAILING ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street

CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012

BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk Courthouse

CASE NAME:

MERITDIAM, INC. vs. FACETS FINE JEWELRY, LLC., et al.

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

☒ **Unlimited** (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000)
☐ **Limited** (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)

Complex Case Designation

☐ **Counter** ☐ **Joinder**
Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)

CASE NUMBER:

BC529211

JUDGE:

DEPT:

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check **one** box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort

☐ Auto (22)
☐ Uninsured motorist (46)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

☐ Asbestos (04)
☐ Product liability (24)
☐ Medical malpractice (45)
☐ Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

☐ Business tort/unfair business practice (07)
☐ Civil rights (08)
☐ Defamation (13)
☐ Fraud (16)
☐ Intellectual property (19)
☐ Professional negligence (25)
☐ Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)

Employment

☐ Wrongful termination (36)
☐ Other employment (15)

Contract

☒ Breach of contract/warranty (06)
☐ Rule 3.740 collections (09)
☐ Other collections (09)
☐ Insurance coverage (18)
☐ Other contract (37)

Real Property

☐ Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)
☐ Wrongful eviction (33)
☐ Other real property (26)

Unlawful Detainer

☐ Commercial (31)
☐ Residential (32)
☐ Drugs (38)

Judicial Review

☐ Asset forfeiture (05)
☐ Petition re: arbitration award (11)
☐ Writ of mandate (02)
☐ Other judicial review (39)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation
(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403)

☐ Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
☐ Construction defect (10)
☐ Mass tort (40)
☐ Securities litigation (28)
☐ Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
☐ Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

☐ Enforcement of judgment (20)

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

☐ RICO (27)
☐ Other complaint (not specified above) (42)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21)
☐ Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

- a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties
b. ☐ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve
c. ☐ Substantial amount of documentary evidence
d. ☐ Large number of witnesses
e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision

3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☐ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☐ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): 2

5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: November 27, 2013

Sung T. Kim

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

Page 1 of 2

SHORT TITLE:

Meritdiam, Inc. vs. Facets fine Jewelry, LLC., et al.

CASE NUMBER

**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND
STATEMENT OF LOCATION
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.0 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Item I. Check the types of hearing and fill in the estimated length of hearing expected for this case:

JURY TRIAL? ☒ YES CLASS ACTION? ☐ YES LIMITED CASE? ☐ YES TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL 2 ☐ HOURS/ ☒ DAYS

Item II. Indicate the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps – If you checked “Limited Case”, skip to Item III, Pg. 4):

Step 1: After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column **A**, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.

Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column **B** below which best describes the nature of this case.

Step 3: In Column **C**, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.0.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)

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|---|---|
| 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district.
2. May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage).
3. Location where cause of action arose.
4. Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.
5. Location where performance required or defendant resides. | 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.
7. Location where petitioner resides.
8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office |
|---|---|

Step 4: Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

		A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto Tort		Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
		Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort		Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6070 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2. 2.
		Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
		Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons <input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
		Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)	1., 4.
			<input type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)	1., 4.
			<input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1., 3.
			<input type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 4.

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Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1., 3.
	Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
	Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1., 2., 3.
	Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1., 2., 3.
	Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6017 Legal Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3. 1., 2., 3.
	Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2., 3.
Employment	Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
	Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1., 2., 3. 10.
Contract	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) <input type="checkbox"/> A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) <input type="checkbox"/> A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2., 5. 2., 5. 1., 2., 5. 1., 2., 5.
	Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5., 6. 2., 5.
	Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.
	Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6009 Contractual Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> A6031 Tortious Interference <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 8.
Real Property	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels_____	2.
	Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
	Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> A6032 Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2., 6. 2., 6. 2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2., 6.

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Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2., 6.
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2., 5.
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus <input type="checkbox"/> A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter <input type="checkbox"/> A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2., 8. 2. 2.
	Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2., 8.
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1., 2., 8.
	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6007 Construction Defect	1., 2., 3.
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1., 2., 8.
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1., 2., 8.
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1., 2., 3., 8.
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1., 2., 5., 8.
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Abstract of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) <input type="checkbox"/> A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) <input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax <input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2., 9. 2., 6. 2., 9. 2., 8. 2., 8. 2., 8., 9.
	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1., 2., 8.
	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6030 Declaratory Relief Only	1., 2., 8.
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2., 8.
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8.
	Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/> A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8.
Partnership Corporation Governance (21)		<input type="checkbox"/> A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2., 8.
Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)		<input type="checkbox"/> A6121 Civil Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> A6123 Workplace Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6190 Election Contest <input type="checkbox"/> A6110 Petition for Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law <input type="checkbox"/> A6100 Other Civil Petition	2., 3., 9. 2., 3., 9. 2., 3., 9. 2. 2., 7. 2., 3., 4., 8. 2., 9.

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Item III. Statement of Location: Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., Step 3 on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

REASON: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 10.			ADDRESS: 550 South Hill Street, Suite 1455
CITY: Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90013	

Item IV. Declaration of Assignment: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that the above-entitled matter is properly filed for assignment to the Stanley Mosk courthouse in the Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., § 392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.0, subds. (b), (c) and (d)].

Dated: November 27, 2013


 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/11).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (NON-CLASS ACTION)

Case Number _____

THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below. There is additional information on the reverse side of this form.

ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM	ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM
Hon. Daniel Buckley	1	534	Hon. Michael Johnson	56	514
Hon. Barbara A. Meiers	12	636	Hon. Ralph W. Dau	57	517
Hon. Terry A. Green	14	300	Hon. Rolf M. Treu	58	516
Hon. Richard Fruin	15	307	Hon. Michael L. Stern	62	600
Hon. Rita Miller	16	306	Hon. Mark Mooney	68	617
Hon. Richard E. Rico	17	309	Hon. William F. Fahey	69	621
Hon. Kevin C. Brazile	20	310	Hon. Soussan G. Bruguera	71	729
Hon. Robert L. Hess	24	314	Hon. Ruth Ann Kwan	72	731
Hon. Mary Ann Murphy	25	317	Hon. Teresa Sanchez-Gordon	74	735
Hon. Yvette M. Palazuelos	28	318			
Hon. Barbara Scheper	30	400			
Hon. Mary H. Strobel	32	406	Hon. Emilie H. Elias	324	CCW
Hon. Maureen Duffy-Lewis	38	412	Hon. Elihu M. Berle*	323	CCW
Hon. Michelle R. Rosenblatt	40	414	OTHER		
Hon. Ronald M. Sohigian	41	417			
Hon. Holly E. Kendig	42	416			
Hon. Mel Red Recana	45	529			
Hon. Debre Katz Weintraub	47	507			
Hon. Elizabeth Allen White	48	506			
Hon. Deirdre Hill	49	509			
Hon. John L. Segal	50	508			
Hon. Abraham Khan	51	511			
Hon. Susan Bryant-Deason	52	510			
Hon. Steven J. Kleifield	53	513			
Hon. Ernest M. Hiroshige	54	512			
Hon. Malcolm H. Mackey	55	515			

***Complex**

All cases designated as complex (other than class actions) are initially assigned to Judge Elihu M. Berle in Department 323 of the Central Civil West Courthouse (600 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles 90005). This assignment is for the purpose of assessing whether or not the case is complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.400. Depending on the outcome of that assessment, the case may be reassigned to one of the judges of the Complex Litigation Program or reassigned randomly to a court in the Central District.

Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record on _____ By SHERRI R. CARTER Executive Officer/Clerk
 _____ Deputy Clerk

The following critical provisions of the Chapter Three Rules, as applicable in the Central District, are summarized for your assistance.

APPLICATION

The Chapter Three Rules were effective January 1, 1994. They apply to all general civil cases.

PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Chapter Three Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Individual Calendaring Court will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

COMPLAINTS: All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days of filing.

CROSS-COMPLAINTS: Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

A Status Conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties at a status conference not more than 10 days before the trial to have timely filed and served all motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested jury instructions, and special jury instructions and special jury verdicts. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least 5 days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Eight of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

SANCTIONS

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party or if appropriate on counsel for the party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is absolutely imperative.

VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS

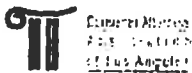


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Lawyers Association

The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section ◆

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association
Labor and Employment Law Section ◆

◆ Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles ◆

◆ Southern California Defense Counsel ◆

◆ Association of Business Trial Lawyers ◆

◆ California Employment Lawyers Association ◆

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COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:			
PLAINTIFF:			
DEFENDANT:			CASE NUMBER:
STIPULATION – EARLY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING			

This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

The parties agree that:

1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, to *discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:*
 - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
 - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
 - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
 - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
 - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
 - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
 - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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discussed in the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Package" served with the complaint;

- h. Computation of damages, including documents not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based;
 - i. Whether the case is suitable for the Expedited Jury Trial procedures (see information at www.lasuperiorcourt.org under "Civil" and then under "General Information").
2. The time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross-complaint will be extended to _____ for the complaint, and _____ for the cross-complaint, which is comprised of the 30 days to respond under Government Code § 68616(b), and the 30 days permitted by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a), good cause having been found by the Civil Supervising Judge due to the case management benefits provided by this Stipulation.
(INSERT DATE) (INSERT DATE)
 3. The parties will prepare a joint report titled "Joint Status Report Pursuant to Initial Conference and Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, and if desired, a proposed order summarizing results of their meet and confer and advising the Court of any way it may assist the parties' efficient conduct or resolution of the case. The parties shall attach the Joint Status Report to the Case Management Conference statement, and file the documents when the CMC statement is due.
 4. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day

The following parties stipulate:

Date:

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(ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF)

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STIPULATION – DISCOVERY RESOLUTION			CASE NUMBER:

This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

The parties agree that:

1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
2. At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
 - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
 - i. File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
 - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
 - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
 - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
 - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
 - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
 - iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
- d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
- e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court..
- It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying *ex parte* for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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DEFENDANT:			CASE NUMBER
INFORMAL DISCOVERY CONFERENCE (pursuant to the Discovery Resolution Stipulation of the parties)			

- This document relates to:
 - ☐ Request for Informal Discovery Conference
 - ☐ Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference
- Deadline for Court to decide on Request: _____ (insert date 10 calendar days following filing of the Request).
- Deadline for Court to hold Informal Discovery Conference: _____ (insert date 20 calendar days following filing of the Request).
- For a Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe the nature of the discovery dispute, including the facts and legal arguments at issue. For an Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe why the Court should deny the requested discovery, including the facts and legal arguments at issue.

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STIPULATION AND ORDER – MOTIONS IN LIMINE			

This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

The parties agree that:

1. At least ____ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
 - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
 - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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(ATTORNEY FOR _____)

THE COURT SO ORDERS.

Date: _____

JUDICIAL OFFICER

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I am employed in Orange County, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is 2603 Main Street, Suite 1050, Irvine, California 92614.

On January 17, 2014, I served the foregoing document(s) entitled:

**JB HUDSON JEWELLERS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION
FROM STATE COURT**

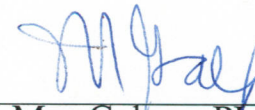
on the following interested parties in this action:

Sung T. Kim, Esq.
Law Offices of Sung Kim & Associates
3435 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2700
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Telephone 213.221.4534
Fax 213.487.3009
[Attorney for Plaintiff Meritdiam, Inc.]

☒ **BY U.S. MAIL:** I enclosed ☐ the original ☒ true copy(ies) of the document(s) in envelope(s) addressed as above, postage thereon fully prepaid, and sealed and placed the envelope(s) for collection and mailing following Brown, Wegner & Berliner LLP's ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with the regular mailing collection and processing practices of this office, by means of which mail is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed this January 17, 2014, at Irvine, California.


Mae Galvez, PLS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES

This case has been assigned to District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald and the assigned
Magistrate Judge is Carla Woehrle.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

2:14CV422 MWF CWx

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge.

Clerk, U. S. District Court

January 17, 2014

Date

By J.Prado

Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Division
312 N. Spring Street, G-8
Los Angeles, CA 90012 | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Division
411 West Fourth St., Ste 1053
Santa Ana, CA 92701 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Division
3470 Twelfth Street, Room 134
Riverside, CA 92501 |
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Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL COVER SHEET

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

Meritdiam, Inc.

DEFENDANTS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

Facets Fine Jewelry, LLC, d/b/a JB Hudson Jewelers

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

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Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

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Telephone 949.705.0080

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☐ 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff ☐ 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2. U.S. Government Defendant ☒ 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES—For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☐ 1. Original Proceeding ☒ 2. Removed from State Court ☐ 3. Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4. Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify) ☐ 6. Multi-District Litigation

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☒ MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ 104,013.00VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)
28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	COMMERCIAL	REAL PROPERTY/CONV.	IMMIGRATION	PRISON/DETENTION	PROPERTY RIGHTS
<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	Habeas Corpus:	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	TORTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	PERSONAL INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/Etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Org.	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Vet.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Vet. Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. Employers' Liability	PERSONAL INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV	<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee Conditions of Confinement	FEDERAL TAX SUITS
<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	FOREIGN PENALTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	EMPLOYMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts	<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters	REAL ESTATE	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	LABOR	
<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury-Med Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	
<input type="checkbox"/> 899 Admin. Procedures Act/Review of Appeal of Agency Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 American with Disabilities-Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes		<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 446 American with Disabilities-Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	
				<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Ret. Inc. Security Act	

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will most likely be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

Question A: Was this case removed from state court?	STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	Western
If "no," go to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question D, below, and skip to Section IX.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo	Western
	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	Southern
	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	Eastern

Question B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a party to this action?	If the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, is a party, is it:		INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:
	A PLAINTIFF? Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of DEFENDANTS reside.	A DEFENDANT? Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of PLAINTIFFS reside.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	Western
If "no," go to Question C. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question D, below, and skip to Section IX.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo	Western
	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	Southern
	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	Eastern
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Western

Question C: Location of plaintiffs, defendants, and claims? (Make only one selection per row)	A. Los Angeles County	B. Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties	C. Orange County	D. Riverside or San Bernardino Counties	E. Outside the Central District of California	F. Other
Indicate the location in which a majority of plaintiffs reside:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indicate the location in which a majority of defendants reside:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indicate the location in which a majority of claims arose:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.1. Is either of the following true? If so, check the one that applies: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more answers in Column C <input type="checkbox"/> only 1 answer in Column C and no answers in Column D Your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION. Enter "Southern" in response to Question D, below. If none applies, answer question C2 to the right. →	C.2. Is either of the following true? If so, check the one that applies: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more answers in Column D <input type="checkbox"/> only 1 answer in Column D and no answers in Column C Your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question D, below. If none applies, go to the box below. ↓
Your case will initially be assigned to the WESTERN DIVISION. Enter "Western" in response to Question D below.	

Question D: Initial Division?	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD
Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, or C above: →	WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEETIX(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): _____

IX(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? ☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply) ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
- ☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- ☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
- ☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

(OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT):



DATE: January 17, 2014

Notice to Counsel/Parties: The CV-71 (JS-44) Civil Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required pursuant to Local Rule 3-1 is not filed but is used by the Clerk of the Court for the purpose of statistics, venue and initiating the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions, see separate instructions sheet).

Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers' insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))